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5 April 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Working Group (SWWG) Meeting--
2 April 1971

1. SIGINT Crisis Management Survey: We briefly discussed a memo from [] concerning the possible use of [] information as a byproduct for strategic warning.

a. During this discussion, the DIA member commented that DIA had now agreed to the NSA proposal to do a crisis management survey assessing the potential value of the Sigint satellites-- []--along the lines of the current Comrex crisis management survey. The NSA member said that NSA had already received General Bennett's reply.

b. [] commented that it would be useful to ask General Bennett to include [] in this survey, and he plans to have such a suggestion forwarded to DIA from his office.

2. Definition of "Strategic Warning": [] has completed his short paper on this subject for []. [] He will discuss with [] the possibility of sending the definition on to USIB.

3. Implementation of the China Study Recommendations: [] had several more comments on the China study followup:

a. He believes that [] would like to hold off for now before going ahead with compiling a China Spartan report.

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4. [REDACTED]: General Taylor will try to lay on a briefing for the SWWG, similar to that given by NSA to the Sigint Committee on 2 April.

5. SALT And the Verification Panel: In response to the NSA member's concern that agreements made in the SALT framework might jeopardize collection for strategic warning, [REDACTED] commented that the Verification Panel was the guardian to prevent this sort of development. He pointed out that Bruce Clarke was active in the Verification Panel, and might be able to brief us.

6. Pentagon Survey on Worldwide Command and Control: The DIA member briefly reviewed the findings of a WSEG-IDA study, in 10 volumes, which found serious deficiencies in the information flow to the President and the national command authorities. Although the study found that the command and control system needed extensive overhauling, it gave no real specific guidance or recommendations--saving this for a later proposed series of about ten sub-studies. The DIA representative said that the volume on intelligence flow pointed out that there is a convergence of information on Washington, but no proper feedback to the commander in the field who often must act without full knowledge of what is known in Washington. Apparently there has been disagreement over what further followup will be given IDA. The DIA member was unable to get copies of the IDA opus for us.

7. The next meeting was set for 30 April.

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CIA Member, SWWG

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